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EDITORIAL

Wisdom — A Gem

A wise man will hear and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsel." Prov. 1:5

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars." Prov. 9:1

"And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." Acts 6:10

Wisdom — "the quality of being wise; the faculty of making the best use of knowledge; a combination of discernment, judgment, sagacity, and similar powers; understanding." (Webster)

"We must act with wisdom or else our adherence to right will be mere sound without substance." (Theodore Roosevelt)

Wisdom is described as "dexterity in execution," meaning the art of performing with good results. A case in point would be Bezaleel and Aholiab who, according to Exodus, chapter 31, performed marvelous workmanship in the construction of the Tabernacle; or, as Peter so aptly refers to Paul in II Peter 3:15, concerning his epistles "... even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you."

What percentage of wisdom is a gift? What application, concentration, tireless effort and experience are necessary to acquire true wisdom?

We are told when it begins, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom . . .," and it is further acquired through prayer. (James 1:5)

The ability to perform the type of performance that produces results is a testimony to wisdom. The Apostle Paul was concerned that his efforts be not as one "that beateth the air"; the figure of a shadow boxer, appearing to be expending much energy with no hard punches effectively administered.

Busyness is no sure mark of wisdom. Too often zeal explodes as a bit of noise without poise and know-how, and the smoke thereof disappears into thin air.

To learn how is an exacting experience. The college professor, the engineer, the lawyer, the doctor, the surgeon, the dentist, etc., acquire their knowledge through personal discipline and concentrated application. None of us will go to them for help unless we have confidence in their "dexterity of execution."

Personal Christian experience begins with conversion and is enhanced by surrender, dedication and yieldedness to a spirit-filled life; but the living of a Christian life, development of Christian character and learning the art of Christian living have just begun. It is a life-long process of growth and development.

A teachable spirit, a desire to learn, a constancy of personal application and an humble spirit that is willing to develop abilities by performance, are just as important in the profession of Christian living as in the other so-called professions of life.

St. James, chapter 3, verse 17, gives what is possibly the greatest definition of true wisdom; "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." This must have been what Stephen was in possession of: "They were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which he (Stephen) spake."

J. N. H.

Back to College

SUITCASES packed, trunks filled, books and note paper organized again and thus America, the United States and Canada, starts its way back to College.

The trek leads east, west, north and south. Destinations include Christian and non-Christian colleges; staffed by devoted Christian leaders, consecrated to the ministry of Christian education, while the secular, materialistic, even to the point in some instances of being atheistic in emphasis, presents a dominant note elsewhere.

This is a good time to thank God for consecrated college leaders who have spent hard cash, many years and untiring application and energy for their training and preparation, who because of a sense of ministry, are living on a subsistence income to render this much needed Christian ministry.

This is also a good time to ask how long we will allow this one-sided spirit of sacrifice to go on. To continue the ministry of Christian education it is imperative that leadership and laity come more nearly to a uniform practice of self denial, thus assuring opportunity for a Christian education to succeeding generations. If materialism and secularism are allowed to dominate our homes, it will engender creeping paralysis in our

congregations and destroy the effectiveness of our colleges and other mission activities.

Two pastors, each president of the alumni of his particular Alma Mater have articles appearing in this issue. Pictures without identification represent youth, our youth, preparing themselves for service.

Messiah College, Upland College and Niagara Christian College, we salute you as another school year begins! May the youth who enter your portals emerge with faith in God, faith in their fellowmen and an undying urge to serve Christ and a needy world.

J. N. H.

Letter to the Editor

Pasadena, California

Dear Editor:

We were not privileged to attend General Conference this year, but we enjoyed the aroma from the "Visitor." Thank you for getting out such an attractive and informative number. In format and content it is second to none. It would be an attractive piece on any news stand. The last issue which came today needs no apologies, and should find its place in every home.

We received the first issue of the "Crusader" yesterday at Sunday school which is another commendable forward move. Now, if we only had a missionary paper. Maybe the "Crusaders" could take this up as their next project!

Yours in Him,
Harry and Katie Buckwalter

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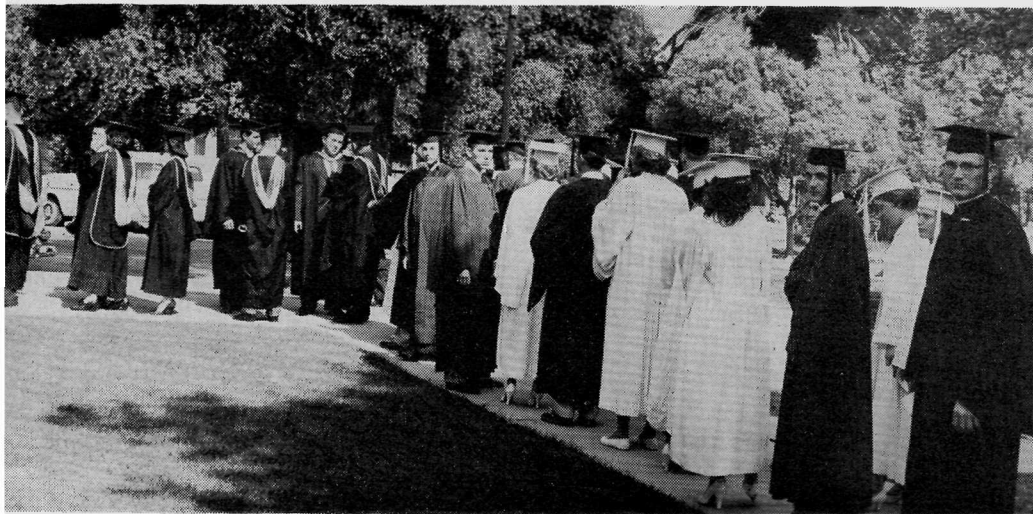
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Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver unto thee. —Proverbs 4:7-9

Some Values of a College Education

IT WAS my privilege to study English Literature at Messiah College with Miss Evelyn Poe as instructor. She made the point that great literature should have a large place in the minister's study. As a pastor I have tried to take her advice to heart. One of the poems she pointed up was the word picture of a minister in Oliver Goldsmith's "The Deserted Village." This work has been a challenge and an inspiration to me.

A journalism course taught by Mr. Jacob Kuhns at Messiah College has helped me to write our church news, announcements and advertisements for our local paper.

"Systematic Theology" was taught me by Reverend John Climenhaga. He made the strong point that we must have Bible for what we believe. This I have tried to practice in my life. Somewhere in my college experience I learned that one ought not to base his theology on one scripture verse but that all the scriptures bearing on a subject ought to be studied together—that a "text" out of "context" is often a "pretext."

The Bible classes taught by Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr. of Messiah College and Dr. Bert Hall and Dr. Claude Ries of Houghton College have helped me to love the Bible and have inspired me to want to study "The Book of Books."

A study of the Greek language in which the New Testament was originally written, taught by Mr. Alden Long and Mrs. Anna Climenhaga, has been very helpful in understanding the Bible.

I shall be always grateful for my college training and for all the truly

great hearts and minds that have made their imprints on me.

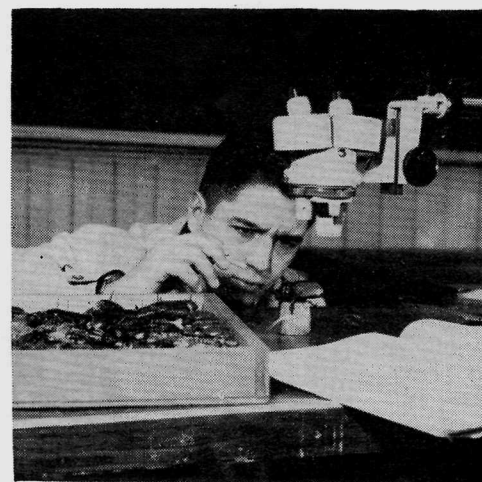
Attending college gave me an opportunity to make splendid associations and form life-long friendships with some of the finest people. As a result I know personally almost all the foreign missionaries, young ministers and leaders of the Brethren in Christ Church as well as many other great people.

Another benefit accruing to a person attending college is that he can make more money and thus be able to give more to the Lord's work.

College training has enabled me to meet people more easily and to feel relaxed in their presence. In our local ministeriums I am certain that I feel much more at ease than if I had never enjoyed the advantage of attending college. It gives to one social poise.

Certain important positions of service are closed to the person who does not hold a college degree. For example, a person could not possibly become a high school principal or a county superintendent of schools without a college training. A college education opens doors for greater service.

A college training helps one to do research. A college student's knowledge at best is very limited, but his learning experiences should teach



him where and how to find what he wants to know about any subject.

College teaches one not to be superficial. It will cause him to realize that there is more than one side to an issue. He will not be satisfied by merely observing the obvious, but will look for hidden meanings.

The art of communicating ideas and speaking persuasively will be greatly aided by acquiring a college training.

A college training should help a person to understand people better, and consequently be able to better serve them.

Training on the collegiate level should help a person to be efficient and happy in the vocation of his choice. It is a definite advantage for a young person to know before entering college what his life's work will be. Then he can make his college years count for the most. This schooling will enable him to live creatively.

Aaron Stern

Pastor of the Cedar Springs, Pa. congregation; President of the Messiah College Alumni Association, Grantham, Pa.



How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!—Proverbs 16:16

It will make him well rounded and give to him breadth and depth. It will be a "crown of glory" and "an ornament of grace" upon his head.

College life should help a person to see the benefit of meditation and to practice this significant art. The great things done by men of the past were done by those who took time to think. A college experience should help one to think critically and systematically.

College training should be a humbling experience in that it points up how little a person knows, and in contrast to the universe, how insignificant he is, and yet how important he is—that he can find and do the will of God.

The greatest reason for going to college is that we may be better able to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and our fellowmen. The Apostle Paul said, "I am become all things to all men that I might by all means win some." If he had not been well trained he would not have been able to use "all means," neither would he have been able to minister to "all men." Today there is tremendous opportunity to present the Gospel of Christ to college fellows and girls and it will require that there be college-trained people to witness effectively to them. The chief reason, the most worthy motive for attending college is to be better able to serve Christ and the church and our fellowmen.

It is my conviction that every Christian is responsible to make his life count for the most in the kingdom of God. For the person whom God has endowed with average mentality I feel that he cannot possibly make his greatest contribution today without college experience, whether he be a minister, a factory worker or a farmer. College enables one to be a better servant of God. It enhances his service. It makes him a better worker in the local congregation.

Someone may say, "Look at me, I didn't have a college education, I got on well in life." But the chances are that the man who has done well without the advantage of college training would have done better with it.

Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr. advises that a person ought never to go to college with the idea that because of this experience he will have life easier. I believe that he ought to go rather with the hope that he will do more and greater things because of it.

In conclusion, I would urge young people to go to college. Prepare yourselves the best you can for life. God likes to work with sharp tools, with keen minds and disciplined hearts. Attending college is not the only way but is a very convenient way to obtain wisdom, and the sacred writer states that "wisdom is the principal thing."

A college education is one of the most permanent kinds of wealth that one can obtain. It is something which one cannot lose through sheriff's sale. It will be a great asset in the work to which God has, or will call you. Indeed, "how much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather . . . than silver!"

Don't be discouraged if you don't have a college education and can't obtain one, but do educate yourself as best you can so that you may be of greatest service in Christ's kingdom.

When I was a student at Messiah College a gospel team group presented a program at the Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett, Indiana. The pastor, Reverend C. R. Nissly, on the night of the program in the public service said concerning the Gospel Team group, "These young people have the advantage of learning in school that which required years of experience for me to learn." What a high compliment he gave to Christian college training!

Someone has declared that a thorough knowledge of the Bible is to be preferred above a college education. With this thought we agree, but is it not better still, to have a thorough knowledge of the Bible and a college education coupled together?



Shall I Go to College?

Merle Brubaker

"**S**HALL I go to college?" If you're asking such a question, perhaps this article will help you find the answer.

In every decision the Christian's greatest concern is how to accomplish the most for Christ and His kingdom. The Lord has chosen to use full-time Christian servants in the ministry and in the mission field, but He also needs people in all other areas of life to lead needy souls to Him.

The first college in America was founded for the training of ministers and it is generally agreed that ministers of today need to be trained. We want to win doctors, teachers and other professional people to Christ and have them find their place

of the earth and have influence in their communities, they must have training comparable to that of their fellow men. If the majority of the American people are going to be "college educated," should not a majority of Christians also have college education?

WITNESSING

What helped influence you to become a Christian? Perhaps it was a song, a sermon, a testimony, a Sunday School lesson, a personal conversation, a winsome personality, something you read, the Bible itself or a combination of all of these. These are some of the ways you can help to lead someone else to Christ, and a college education should help you to be a better singer, a better speaker, a better conversationalist, a better writer and a better person.

God's plan of salvation must be communicated to men. People trained in the arts of communication wrote the Bible; trained people



an usher, a secretary, a cradle roll superintendent, a deacon, a church board member. There is almost no limit to the opportunities for qualified laymen.

There is no vocation where training is not helpful. Some put it to better use than others, but a liberal arts college training will aid you in any occupation. There was a day when it was thought ridiculous for a farmer to go to school, but thoughtful people are now aware of the benefits that he can realize. Years ago even elementary education was not to be "wasted" on girls, but one who senses the importance of motherhood recognizes the value of a college education in the kitchen and the nursery.

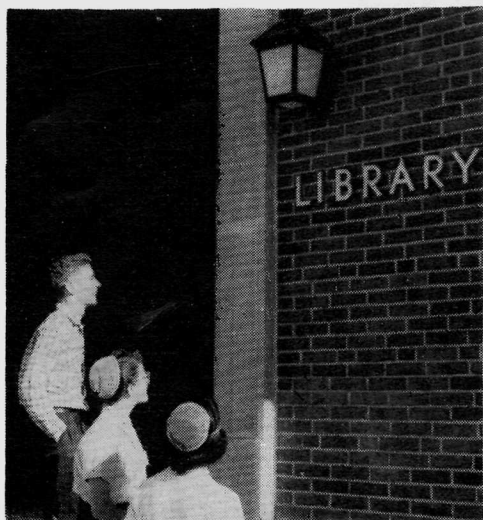
Also, remember you have no way of knowing what the Lord might lead you into in the future if you have the preparation.

STEWARDSHIP

We have a responsibility to the Lord to develop and use our talents. A person with the ability to be a medical doctor is not fulfilling his responsibilities to the Lord and his fellowmen if because of laziness he contents himself with an easy and insignificant task. Christian stewardship is concerned with the Christian's use of all his resources, his personality, his talents, and his possessions.

If God does not call you into full-time Christian service He will lead you into some other vocation where you can use your talents to produce something worthwhile, to be a Christian influence in that vocation, and to make money to give to support the work of the Lord through the church.

The Lord wants you to be successful in what you do, successful without



in our church program, but we can't expect to do it effectively if our pastors are inadequately trained. This is not to say that the Lord can't use people with little education. He has and always will. The unanswered question of course is, how much more effective they might have been with adequate preparation.

But the farmer, the housewife, the laborer, the carpenter, the man in the shop—what use have these people for a college education?

There was a time when a person was considered educated if he could read and write, add and subtract. Then in more recent times, a person was considered educated if he had a high school diploma. In our generation, a college education is about as necessary as the ability to read, write and do simple mathematics was fifty years ago.

What does this mean to the Christian? If Christians are to be the salt

translated it into our language. Without people who knew how to read and write, we would not know the way of salvation. Training will help us to tell the message to others.

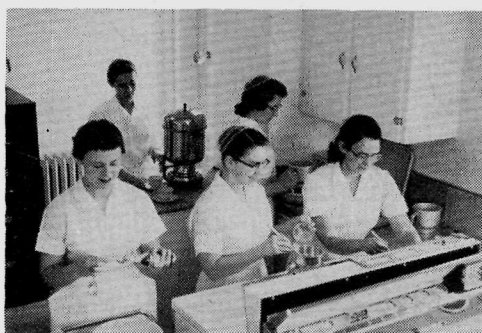
Telling the story of Jesus is our primary calling whether we be laymen or ministers. Even though your secondary calling is one where you feel a college education would be of no value, four years in college would be well worthwhile if it made it possible to save one soul from hell who otherwise would be lost.

SERVICE

The training you obtain will be valuable in your service to God through the local church. There are individual laymen who are doing as much for the kingdom of God as their ministers. Who can say that the Sunday School teacher is any less important than the pastor? The more training you can get, the better you will be as a Sunday School teacher,



*For wisdom is better than rubies;
and all the things that may be desired
are not to be compared to it. (Prov.
8:11)*



ber, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

If the fear of the Lord is the only adequate foundation for an education, then the Christian college has an insurmountable advantage over secular institutions. An education that fails to take God into consideration is woefully inadequate.

Think of studying astronomy and ignoring the God whose glory the

neglecting your responsibilities to home and church. A college education contributes to success.

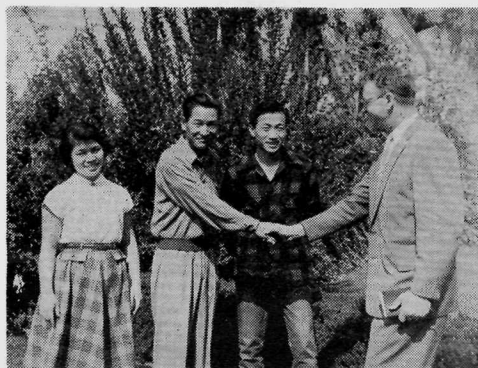
Statistical studies point in the direction that a person with a college education will earn almost twice as much money during his lifetime as a person with only a high school education. If this is true, then the person with a college education will be able to give two, three or even four times as much money to the work of the Lord.

St. Paul says that a man should work in order to be able to give (Eph. 4:28). Many will testify that the greatest incentive to make money is the joy of giving it to the Lord.

DEDICATION

It is obvious, no college can guarantee favorable results. Some people will not profit by a college education. Unless you are dedicated to Christ and His service a college education could easily do you more harm than good.

Education is worthless unless it is dedicated to Christ! Someone has put it stronger, "Education in the hands of a young person without Jesus Christ is like placing a shotgun in the hands of an idiot." Quite a shocking statement, but think of how many of man's problems and fears arise because he has more knowledge than he knows how to use. Remem-



heavens declare, or of studying history without recognizing the hand of God in the affairs of nations. Imagine studying psychology and ignoring the problem of sin!

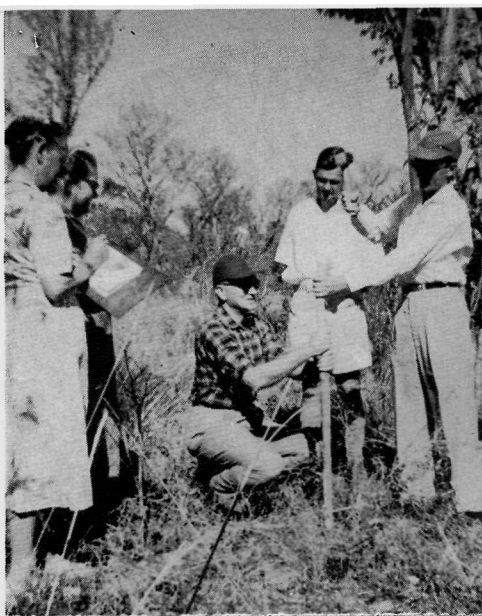
The Christian college is the only place where God is given proper recognition in every field of study. A Christian education built on the fear of the Lord will reveal more clearly God's greatness and man's insignificance.

Should every Christian young person go to college? No, not quite everyone. Some do not have the talents to profit by college training. Some may not be able to pass entrance requirements, but, if at all possible, every Christian young person should invest at least two years in a Christian college, and most Christians should invest four! It is probably the most profitable investment in the world when personal, material and spiritual returns are properly evaluated. This may not have been true twenty years ago, but in this day a Christian college education is almost imperative.

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MISSIONS



The stake being driven by J. Robert Lehman, Bishop Climenhaga holding it. Looking on, left to right: Anna Wolgemuth (Building Committee member and writer of accompanying article), Dr. R. V. Kauffman (Medical Committee member), and Mr. A. Harvey (Land Development Officer).

Turn Your Eyes to the Gwaai

Anna R. Wolgemuth

WITH THE driving of the first stakes to mark the site of buildings for housing missionary personnel and a medical centre in the Gwaai—a reserve in the Rhodesia-Nyasaland Federation—June 17, 1959 became a memorable date in Brethren in Christ mission history.

David and Laona Brubaker, who had been appointed the task of building, had arrived a few days earlier and were living with Mr. Harvey, a nearby Land Development Officer and his wife—both sincere Christians and missionary at heart. In a few days they would move to the new mission site and live in a tent while a more permanent abode is being completed.

Ten years ago the Gwaai was a vast wilderness uninhabited except by wandering Bushmen. In order to find land for the ever-increasing African population, the government undertook a development program in this area, laying out plots for grazing, agriculture, homes, schools, stores, churches, etc. Hundreds of boreholes (wells) were drilled and shafts sunk to supply water. Then eventually streams of settlers were brought in by government trucks and put down to carve out new homes in the wilderness.

The new settlers, uprooted from their homes, asked the missionaries to follow and help them establish places of worship and also schools for their children. The various missionary societies answered the call and

came to their help. While these needs were being supplied, in part at least, the medical service was almost nil.

A major project of this new mission will be the establishing of a mission hospital. A plot of 200 acres, 125 miles northwest of Bulawayo was allotted on a lease basis, renewable every five years. This plot was carefully chosen for us by Mr. Harvey. The Africans, many of them former members of our established churches in Matabeleland before moving, are overjoyed at the prospect of a mission hospital and the coming of missionaries.

The rate of development of this new mission will depend largely on the response by way of offerings and prayers of the home church. This is no small undertaking. There are many obstacles to be overcome, chief among them, lack of finances. We are counting on your help.

Part One of a carefully written and heart-warming report by Dave and Laona Brubaker of our new mission venture. "Endurance foresight, strength, and skill" required!



Dave and Laona at hand pump. But it is too hard to get water out this way.

A new mission is opened --

in the West Gwaai Native Reserve, 130 miles northwest of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Africa. To you of the home church this is news long awaited for. To us as missionaries in Africa it is the working out of anticipated further outreach. To the African Church is it another sign of the Lord's continued abundant grace in answer to their prayers. We together give thanks to God for His hand of blessing resting heavily upon this new work.

As is found in any new endeavor, much introductory work has had to be done. Various missionaries on furlough have presented this work to you, telling of its needs and possibilities. You have responded generously in support with your prayers and gifts. We know that it is only as we have had a common interest and together petitioned the Lord's leading that we have come to this point. The people of the area have called for several years and in their continued desire, have well prepared themselves for the answer to their call. The African Church, particularly the leaders, have seemed to come to a new vision of outreach in this and several other areas among

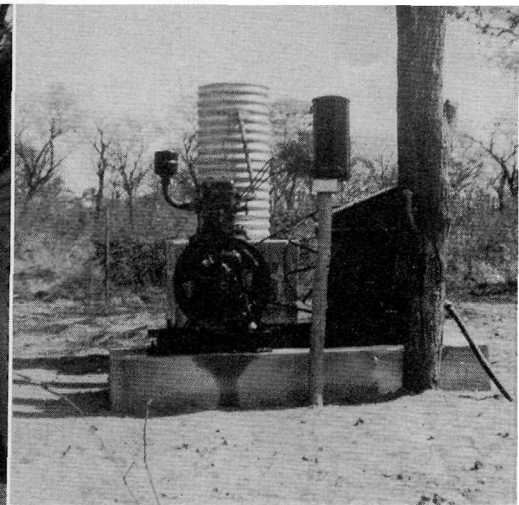
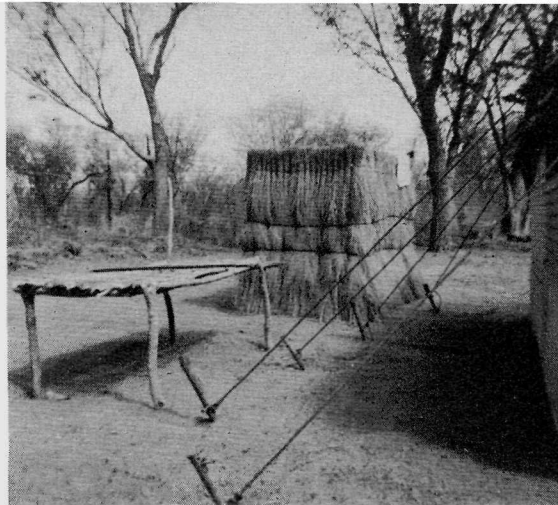
their own people. Plans were made and the new work was ready to begin.

The needs of the people of the Gwaai, though they are many, can easily be summarized into three categories: First—Salvation; Second—Medicine; Third—Education. So in analyzing the needs thus, our purpose has been, and will be, to take the gospel and bring salvation to their souls, to establish a hospital for the relief of their physical suffering, and to open a higher education school to follow the lower education they receive in our already established out-schools.

During Missionary Conference in May, plans began to materialize. Prior to this a committee had been to the mission site to study the building involvements and possibilities. Bishop Climenhaga, who had a good grasp of the needs, had given close consideration and guidance, and the local Land Development Officer had given some very pertinent information and advice. These studies, along with suggestions from the missionaries and African Church, were brought together and processed, until the following working plan came forth.

TRANSPORT: The nearest source of building materials and supplies is Bulawayo, 130 miles from the mission. And since stones would have to be hauled from distances of 17-60 miles and sand from distances of 8-20 miles, it was decided to purchase a 3-ton diesel truck which would serve as a means for all transportation.

TEMPORARY HOUSING: To meet the need for initial missionary housing, there were several possibilities. The local Land Development Officer and wife cordially offered to open their storage building for a couple of months until the first permanent building was completed on the mission. But this was four miles away and it didn't seem advisable for the missionary to live this far from the work. A type of pre-fabricated metal hut is available here in Rhodesia. It is designed particularly for this type of need, is quickly set up and easily taken down and moved. It has proved itself practical in many cases, but seemed too expensive to be practical for us. Small house trailers are available, but again they were considered far too expensive and somewhat impractical for this purpose. A fourth possibility which we decided to use was an improvised tent-house, made to our own design—very simple in construction and not costly. Mtshabezi Mission donated some gum poles to make the frame work, Matopo Outstation Unit gave the use of a large sail for covering the roof, and Bishop Climenhaga contributed a metal door frame. Some corrugated iron sheets



Left: To the rear is the bathhouse; to fore is the washstand, outdoor laundry room. Right: The pump and engine are hooked up. The engine is on mission lease land, the pump on the reserve. This shows how the line was surveyed just inside the well "borehole."

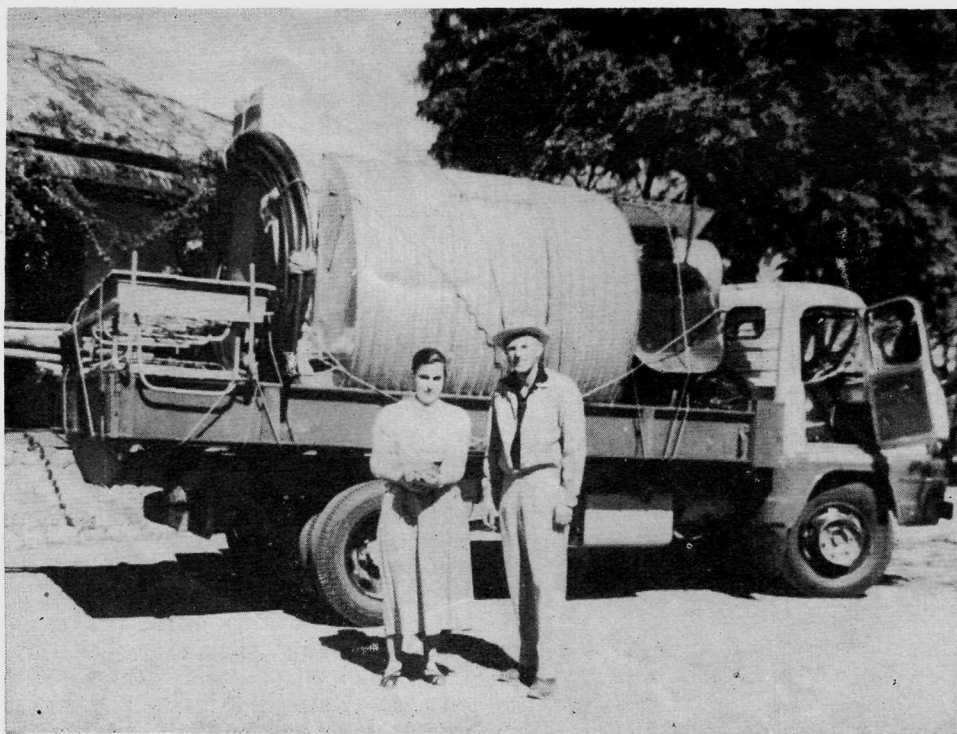
were purchased to close in the sides, and a curtain to close the space between the tin sides and the roof and to serve as a window wherever it was opened. A bit of concrete on the floor covered by a discarded piece of linoleum, all fitly joined together to make a room 14' x 15', to serve as living room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen. With a few pieces of new and used furniture, it should serve for 10-12 weeks and prove comfortable and practical.

WATER: Twelve inches off the mission line is a Government drilled borehole, 329 ft. deep. It was drilled to be a supply of water for the people who would come to live in the area. On it was installed a large hand pump which required 4-6 men to operate.

The Government has consented to allow the mission to use the water until such time as we might get our own well. Also they consented to allow an engine replacement for the hand pump which was inadequate for mission building needs.



Corrugated metal and canvas roof-tent house. Shades of pioneer days! See kitchen stove to right and open air kitchen.



Three-ton Diesel Thames Truck (English Ford) with David and Laona Brubaker.

TYPE OF BUILDING: For most of the building on our other stations, burned bricks made on the mission have been used. Certain types of soil make stronger bricks than others. On all our other missions suitable soil is found for the making of bricks. But at this new mission the soil is of a very fine sandy quality and seems to be of little use for the making of bricks. So it was decided to follow the pattern of other building done in the area—concrete blocks made with river sand and cement. Homebuilders moulds could be purchased and five men could make 150-200 blocks per day. This method would also allow the work to be started more quickly than with the use of burned bricks.

FIRST BUILDINGS: It was decided to postpone building of the main dwelling house and of the hospital until an initial development of three identical three-room buildings 16' x 41' had been made: the first one for more permanent living quarters for the

missionaries; the second for an African Church leader for the community; and the third to be the Clinic building for the starting of the hospital work. After further development on a larger scale, these buildings can be used as utility houses to the hospital and residences. Building developments beyond these three buildings will depend on various factors involving the Native Education Department and the Government Medical Department.

With this general plan in mind, the actual work began.

(To be continued in next Visitor)

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BLANDEBURG MISSION

Second Quarter 1959

Receipts	
Local offerings	\$220.97
Church-at-large	31.00
Total Receipts	\$251.97
Less deficit 3-31-59	12.28
Total Cash Available	\$239.69

Expenditures	
Phone, lights, water	\$ 40.26
Fuel (coal)	41.40
Table and household	108.51
Cleaning supplies	12.19
Transportation	32.17
Miscellaneous	3.00
Total Expenditures	\$237.53
Balance 6-30-59	\$ 2.16

ON JULY 12, 1959 a new work among the Negroes was opened in New York City. The pastor, Rev. Merrit Robinson, opened the first Sunday School service with seventeen in attendance.

Located at 984 Bedford Ave., the newly-decorated chapel has four services announced weekly.

On this eventful day Bishop Henry A. Ginder was in charge of the morning service. Pastor Robinson brought the message. Spurgeon Lady was song leader throughout the day.

The Dedication Service, at 2:30 p.m., convened with Brother Robin-



Rev. and Mrs. Merrit Robinson before the Brooklyn church.

Brooklyn B. in C. Church Opens

son in charge. Rev. Samuel Lady read the opening scripture followed by Rev. Harold Thomas, pastor of a Mennonite church in the city, who led in prayer. Brother Eugene Witter gave an interesting report of the Lord's using him as an instrument in reaching some colored folk in Adams County, Pa. These folks later moved to Brooklyn. The pastor followed with a short talk on the leading of the Lord in opening the Negro work. Bishop Ginder read the rites of Dedication. Thirty-one were present.

The largest attendance for the day was at the evening service, with Sister Robinson leading the Children's Meeting. Some children heard for the first time the familiar choruses, "Jesus Loves Me" and "The B-I-B-L-E." Rev. Samuel Lady brought an evangelistic message, thus concluding the first day of services in the heart of New York City.

In a letter to the Executive Secretary of the Board for Home Missions and Extension, the landlord of the building, B. H. Westerfield, included this prayer:

"May God shower His choicest blessings upon you and your Home Mission Board, upon Pastor Robinson, his wife, and his home, upon your church located at 984 Bedford Avenue and all of your churches lo-

cated elsewhere in other conferences is our prayer ardently offered in Christ's name."

We praise the Lord for His leading and guidance in this work. This new church can and will be a light-house in the heart of Brooklyn. Your prayers and financial support are needed. Send all contributions to the treasurer, Board for Home Missions and Extension, Rev. Andrew H. Slagenweit, West Milton, Ohio.



Interior of Brooklyn chapel.

The Five Cardinal Sins Of Freshmen

With the "Back to College" atmosphere of this issue, we have adapted the following from President Wilson's charge to the Freshman Class of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, given to the graduating class of 1962.

O. J. Wilson

It occurred to me that you should be made aware of some of the pitfalls of your academic life, and I have decided accordingly to speak briefly of the "five cardinal sins of freshmen." I sincerely hope that by alerting you to these cardinal sins, you may all be able to make better grades, enjoy life on the college campus, and be a successful and happy person in adult life.

1. The first cardinal sin of most freshmen, in my opinion, is that of procrastination. By procrastination, I mean simply the postponement today of what you are assigned to do tomorrow, or until some more convenient time. Someone has aptly said that "Procrastination is the thief of time," and never were truer words spoken. We simply "kid" ourselves, deceive ourselves, when we succeed in convincing ourselves that a college education and thorough preparation for life in adult society can be obtained by mere postponement of the hard tasks of classroom and laboratory assignments.

The time you lose today or that you fritter away in wool-gathering, day-dreaming, or in idle and unimportant chatter can never be recovered. It's gone forever!

2. The second cardinal sin is the sin of flattery, sometimes known as apple-polishing. Among the older hands on the campus, it takes the form of extravagant and lavish compliments and presents to their teachers with the veiled purpose of winning friends and influencing faculty members. While I am almost as new on the campus as the members of the freshmen class, I feel confident that the tradition is well known and artfully practiced here. However, I warn you as novitiates that, to use an old axiom, "Flattery will get you nowhere," and urge you to save your time and energy and apply them to the solution of mathematical formulae, the diagramming of sentences, and the posting of your ledger in accounting.

3. The third cardinal sin is the sin of superficial knowledge, the tend-



ency to substitute half-truth or partial truth for the whole truth. Someone has fittingly said "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," and I wholly agree when the premise is based on the assumption that a truly educated man or woman is dedicated to obtaining all of the facts, of extracting the whole truth, insofar as it is possible to do so. Hence, I charge you to obtain all the facts, observe all the data, consider all the evidence, rule out all possible error, and when you reach your conclusions, you will have the best possible basis for your position or your argument.

4. The fourth cardinal sin of freshmen is that of mediocrity, the tendency to be just an "average" student. I submit to you, my freshmen friends, that this is a terrible affliction, a terrible indictment upon our college youth. But the insistence that there is a segment of our college population which, at best, is just average has resulted in great intellectual depravity.

Crusader

Have you subscribed to the new Brethren in Christ youth magazine, *Crusader*? The next issue (September) is being mailed only to subscribers. You may yet qualify as a charter subscriber if you rush your subscription immediately. Enclose 50c for six-months' subscription. Many have subscribed, but we would like to hear from many more of you before closing the mailing of the September issue. Write: *Crusader*, Evangel Press, Nappanee, Indiana (Editors)

I warn you that there is no such student as the "average" student. Mediocrity is the scourge of our campus and of every campus in American higher education.

5. Finally, the fifth cardinal sin is that of cutting your "anchor chain." I am sure that all of you have either seen a ship's anchor or have seen the picture of a ship lowering its anchor. Thus, you know of the function of an anchor. Just as an anchor is the part of a ship which keeps it from floating adrift out to sea, or of running aground on the craggy shores of some beach, so are the teachings of your parents and of your spiritual advisers — ministers, priests, rabbis, Sunday School teachers — and perhaps your elementary and secondary teachers, a part of your life's anchor.

Too often young people come to college and hear some bewildering and sometimes poorly explained physical phenomena which run counter to the earlier teachings of youth. Because they are unable to comprehend or to understand the newer ideas, and because they lack the experience and the ability to cope with these clashing ideas, students frequently become easily discouraged and cut loose from the anchors by which their lives have been made secure in earlier days. No greater mistake or more pitiful circumstance is to be found among our students than the case of one who has just concluded that he is an atheist, an agnostic, or an infidel.

It is one of the immutable principles of life that whenever one empties himself of so valuable and abiding possessions as the happy experiences gained at mother's knee, life becomes a meaningless void! Moreover, when one cuts such anchors as have helped to stabilize life through the formative years without first securing other and equally effective anchors, then one is in grave danger of drifting upon the ocean of life, without chart or compass. Thus, I charge you to be not hasty, be not too eager to cast off the old for the new until you are sure that in the process, you have not left your life empty, void and directionless!

The Church Advocate

Evangelical Visitor

HOME

Herewith we are presenting a letter received by Brother and Sister Eber Lehman of the Carlisle, Pennsylvania congregation. It is an expression of appreciation for thoughtfulness in the midst of deep sorrow as experienced by a family whose father serves on the Dickinson College faculty, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:

Betty and I want to tell many of you of the most unhappy accident on April 23 resulting in the death of our eighteen month old son, Peter Campbell, and to thank others of you for your letters and many kindnesses to us in the period following the accident.

A number of you have commented in your notes indicating that you did not know how Peter's death came about. For that reason I shall explain it briefly. As many of you know, we live at the end of a dead end private road some one third of a mile off the highway in our rural community. We are protected from traffic on three sides of our home by our own land and on the fourth by a fence owned by neighbors. A new home has been under construction for some months now, bordering on our property. Just recently the owners took down the fence, put in new posts, and began to erect the fence. For some reason they did not finish their work and only half of the fence was completed. Workmen on the house had finished for the day and had already left, only to remember some paint brushes back at the job. They returned, found their brushes and left again in their panel truck. Peter, eighteen months old, and a healthy, active, and carefree boy was with us in our living room, begging for cookies. He won, as usual, and booty in hand trotted out to our yard to play with his sisters and children of visiting friends. He had been gone but a few minutes when one of the workmen rushed to our home to tell us that a little child had been hit by his truck. When we reached him he was hardly breathing, and within a matter of seconds his respiration stopped. Jim rushed him to the main road by car where we met the ambulance and were driven to the emergency room of the Carlisle Hospital. Three doctors met us, the surgeon opened his chest and helped his heart to beat again. He was given the best of care by people who knew and loved him, but his little body had been injured severely enough that he could not respond. He had not suffered any, but died as he had lived, enjoying life in playing.

Our minister, J. Leatherman, was of wonderful help to us all through the experience, as have been many friends old and new. We did not see Peter again after we took him to the hospital. It was not because he was disfigured, for he was not, but because we preferred to remember him as the active, inquisitive, lively, energetic, lovable boy that he was. His little casket was buried after the service. The next day there was a memorial service held at our church, conducted by Mr. Leatherman and Dr. Edel, the president of Dickinson College. We tried to make it an expression of Christian faith, using two great church hymns, scripture readings, prayer, and closing with the playing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

How does one reconcile himself to the death of a little child? As you can imagine, the whole experience has been most difficult. We do not look upon Peter's death as being the will of God, but as being the result of a curious mind, feet that could not remain motionless, and a little boy who trusted everyone and everything—even the truck that was to kill him. It seems inconceivable to us that God would deal with Peter and us in this way as a part of His plan. However, it does seem to us that it is the will of God that Peter should have been loved, while with us, and is still loved in an even more wonderful way by living within the Kingdom of God.

Being a Christian has never meant that one would be relieved of suffering and hardship, but it has always meant having a faith in God as seen through the Christ that can undergird and sustain one under the most difficult of circumstances. God has been very real to us throughout these weeks. Prayer has found new relevance in our home, for it has brought us face to face with a loving God at a time when we so desperately needed Him. In the intimacy of grief we have come to see in a new dimension the grief that God Himself must feel whenever His children suffer. We do not grieve for Peter in his new relationship with God, but for our own loss and for our inability to carry on with our plans for him. He seemed to have so much potential—it is this loss to us and to the world that is hard to accept.

Throughout all this experience we have come to see how unimportant are many of the things that used to concern us. The trivial things that money and prestige can buy cannot compare with the love of friends and neighbors and the shared concern of one's church. It is hard to have to learn some of these lessons at such a high cost. We have grown through this experience. We hope that the child-like characteristics that we knew and loved so much in Peter will become a part of our lives.

We value your friendship, your love, and your prayers.

Sincerely yours,
Betty and Jim Leslie

PREACHERS

How Shall We Address Preachers?

John I. Paton

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffery Francis Fisher, recently startled the religious world by stating that he hopes to introduce "a new fashion" of calling all clergymen "Brother." He went on to say, "I have been perplexed for a long time about what to call them. I have decided to call them Brother, because I will not call these brothers of mine 'Father.' Also, you can call a layman Brother."

We wonder a little at the length of the archbishop's perplexity. Was he reluctant to follow apostolic example? The apostles apparently had no such problem. John, the beloved apostle, described himself as, "your brother," according to Revelation 1:9. Peter called Paul, "our beloved brother Paul" (II Peter 3:15). Had the Early Church gone in for such high-sounding titles surely Acts 15, which records the Council at Jerusalem, and Galatians 1, 2, where Paul tells of meeting church leaders, would have given a number of them. But one looks in vain for such titles.

The Lord Jesus warned against this evil custom ever getting started among His people when He said, "Call no man your father upon earth; for one is your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 23:9). The word "father" in that connection means "authoritative teacher." This is a truth which more than one branch of organized Christendom has overlooked.

Our Lord was not discussing physical relationships in the passage just quoted. It is well to remember also that Paul employed the father and son relationship in a spiritual sense in such passages as Phil. 2:22; I Tim. 1:2; and II Tim. 1:2, he used it to signify affection and not authority. This is clear from what he wrote to the Corinthians. "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand" (II Cor. 1:24).

There is no place for a caste system in the household of God. The under-shepherds are not to lord it over God's heritage (I Peter 5:3). To change the figure, no one branch of the vine outranks another, but all draw their life from the same source. They are all alike in kind.

At the same time the Word says, "Obey them that have the rule over you (guide you), and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account." (Heb. 13:17) There is no place in the Word for that tendency so common in some circles today to treat men whom God has called to the ministry as if they were mere hired servants of the congregation.

Good News Broadcaster

We gratefully acknowledge the services of C. R. Heisey as editor of the Preacher's Page for a number of years and a contributor of materials for many years. His services as a contributor will continue. As outlined at General Conference, the Preacher's Page, beginning September 21 will present materials originating with the Bishops. E. J. Swalm will serve as page editor.

CHURCH NEWS

BULLETIN-BITS

Bishop Alvin Burkholder and Rev. Amos Buckwalter left the States August 5 for an around-the-world trip, visiting Brethren in Christ Missions. D. V. they will return to the States October 24.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Mann, enroute to India via Japan and Hong Kong shared in a service at Upland, California, August 5.

Marion Heisey and wife of Louisville, Ohio, recently returned from the Navajo Mission in New Mexico, shared in the morning services at Cassopolis, Michigan, Aug. 2.

Final services were held at the Dayton, Ohio Mission, July 26. Long-time superintendent, Bishop W. H. Boyer, spoke the final message. The buildings are being razed to make way for an expressway. The congregation have moved about two miles into a church and parsonage purchased from the E. U. B. Church.

Elbert Smith and Ohmer Herr were guest speakers at Fairview, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 2.

Henry S. Miller, Elizabethtown, Pa., will present his farewell message August 30. Assistant pastor, Donald Shafer will succeed to the pastorate.

Fairland, Pa., broke ground for a new sanctuary August 2. Estimated cost is \$70,025 with contractors Daniel F. Wenger and son doing the work.

Sherkston, Ont.

The first Missionary Conference in the history of our congregation exceeded all expectations. The total attendance for the nine sessions was 1,527. Offerings taken especially for missions and contributions over and above regular budget contributions were more than three times the amount estimated, reaching \$692. Several young people openly confessed a call to full-time Christian service. Our guests were Bishop Henry A. Ginder, Rev. and Mrs. Pete Willms, Rev. Ugo De Lucia, who was converted from the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1935, Rev. Enos Bearinger and Mrs. Irene Hanley who went from Judaism to Atheism to Christ. The total impact of these stirring messages and movings of the spirit of God will never leave us the same.

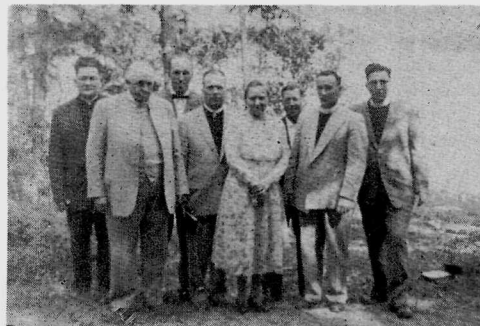
On April 19 we had our Spring Rally Day.

On May 31 our hearts were filled with praise to our Lord when eighteen new converts united with the Church and the Holy Spirit fell on one of the participants as he gave his testimony of victory through Christ.

On June 24 the Male Quartet from Upland, California was with us.

During this first half of 1959 we might well say with the apostle Paul: "I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." And then, praise the Lord, we can also add with him: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Mrs. D. F.



Saskatchewan Camp Committee (l. to r.): Maurice Moore, Bishop Swalm, John Nickel, John Garman, Mrs. Brad Linkletter, Everett Jones, Marshall Baker, and Lorne Lichty.

Saskatchewan, Canada

The Fifth Annual Youth Camp sponsored by the Brethren in Christ Churches of Saskatchewan was held at Christopher Lake, near the North Star Mission, July 2-5. Bishop E. J. Swalm was guest speaker and evangelist for this occasion.

Sharing with Brother Swalm as speakers during the four-day camp were Rev. Remche and Rev. Hanson, both of Saskatchewan, as well as the Brethren in Christ ministers in the Wheat Province.

Eight seekers during these meetings plus numerous others who raised their hands for prayer represented the visible fruit of the camp. The inspiration of these days will linger in the hearts of the others who were present for the four-day short days.

For the Sunday noon meal 116 meals were served by the efficient kitchen staff. Fortunate anglers provided some fresh fish for the menu.

Bishop Swalm spent about 10 days in Saskatchewan making contacts at each of the churches.

Blandburg, Pa.

"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things." Psalm 72:18

V.B.S. was conducted in cooperation with the Mountindale Baptist church as last year, beginning June 22. Using the course, "Adventuring with Christ," we found good interest among the children. Rev. Glenn G. Hostetter was decision-day speaker. On this occasion five responded to the invitation. There was an enrollment of 79 with a staff of 11.

Sr. Ethel Sherman, Garrett, Indiana, shared in the work for nearly three weeks including the Bible School period. Also, two sisters from Altoona, Marjorie Helsel and Debbie Yohn, helped in the Bible School. We are grateful for these willing workers and trust that the seed sown will bring forth fruit for Christ.

A voluntary service worker, Adam Horn-

berger, New Holland, Pa., gave nearly three weeks of assistance to Pastor Herman Miller in a painting project that redressed the church.

Sunday School average attendance increased during the second quarter with new scholars and fine interest. It is our prayer that the message of the gospel will reach into new homes through this arm of the church. We rejoice at progress shown but long for more to yield to God.

In our May revival three souls knelt at the altar for spiritual help. The Christians were deepened and revived and we praise God for victories.

Continue to pray for the work here that a real awakening will come to this village with so many needy souls. We, your servants, are trusting Him. It means so much to know many are praying for us, and we thank you.

(Reported by the "Ediths")

Roxbury Camp, Roxbury, Pa.

Three thousand in attendance the first Sunday.

Berean Center, the Youth Tabernacle, filled with teen-agers, services under the direction of John Schock of Sparta, Tenn. The theme "Forward Together."

All dormitory space filled the first Saturday night.

Sunday afternoon offering for camp operation, \$1,613.00

John and Ida Sollenberger lead children's service in their own tabernacle. Their project, "Japanese Broadcasting," with decorations that give the Japanese touch.

Four thousand expected the last Sunday.

Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon, Pa.

The camp has closed its 10th season.

Total campers 1959, 287.

Eighteen confessions for Christ.

Staff: Howard Landis, Jr., Lois Jean and Roy Peterson, Paul Hastings, Carol Hastings, Faithe Musser and Marion Kuhns. Publicity Director, Stanley Long. An interesting observation: "58 girls consume approximately one-third the volume of food that the thirty-eight boys did last week."

Kenbrook Bible Camp, Labanon, Pa.

Boy's Camp at Kenbrook closed with a total of 127 registered campers, representing Kansas, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

This is a time of praise and thanksgiving to our God, for the consecrated young people who unselfishly gave of their time in a fine cooperative manner, for the thirteen first-time decisions and for the safety and protection of each camper.

Mr. Howard Landis, Jr. is serving as Camp Director for his second consecutive year. Rev. Roy Peterman is Camp Pastor and Bible Teacher and Mrs. Roy Peterman is serving as Camp Matron and Crafts Teacher.

We appreciated the able services of Mrs. Jacob Moyer from Mt. Joy who served as Camp Cook for the first week of Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hastings from Grantham came the second week and will remain for the concluding weeks of camp. Mrs. Hastings is serving as cook assisted by Miss Faithe Musser from Upland, California. Paul is serving as Nature Teacher.

The following young people have also served one or more weeks at Kenbrook during boys' camp; Sandra Neyer, Marion Kuhns, Ruth Crider, Esther Mae Lenhart, Jane Burkholder, Stanley Hoke, James Wagner, Robert Ebersole, Norman Dutweiler, Cornelius Musser, Ray Wenger, Jr., James Engle, Luther Muntz and Howard Peterman.



Kenbrook campers take a turn in the kitchen duties.

The new Camp Course by Scripture Press, "Out Doors With Christ" is being used in the Bible and Nature Classes. An interview with the Petermans and a fifteen-minute radio program were highlights of interest during these first three weeks of camp.

Kindersley, Saskatchewan

Youth Camp was held at Christopher Lake, Baptist Camp Grounds, July 2-5. The approximate average attendance was 100 people.

Bishop Swalm from Ontario was our guest speaker and gave us many inspiring messages. On Thursday and Friday afternoons, he conducted Bible studies on Home Life. Saturday evening, he showed his slides on the Holy Land.

Wholesome recreation was provided on Wednesday when the group went roller skating at Emma Lake. Thursday afternoon there were two baseball games. Many people enjoyed fishing and enough were caught to provide a meal.

Several sought the Lord and several hands were raised for prayer. All were inspired to live better Christian lives.

Other activities were a miscellaneous

shower for Ferne Climenhaga and Willard Lageer in the church basement.

Rev. Lichty rendered the Sunday evening service at the United Missionary Church in Acadia Valley, Alberta.

An improvement was made on the church lawn, when the men got together, levelled it, sowed grass and planted several trees.

A fellowship supper sponsored by the Christ's Crusaders was held at Don Flem-



Roy and Lois Jean

Salute to Kenbrook

Camping . . . summer fun? Christian fellowship? Yes, a week at camp can be a thrilling life-changing experience. We are convinced that many dedicated Christian leaders in our church of tomorrow are going to date the beginning of their Christian life back to a visit to Kenbrook. Others will tell how they found new purpose for their lives as they experienced close fellowship with other campers and with a consecrated staff.

One enthusiastic mother of a camper wrote, "One week at a Christian camp is worth a year in a local church." Whether this is strictly true or not, it is a fact that boys and girls are influenced greatly by summer camps.

The three weeks of boys camp at Kenbrook are over; three weeks of purposeful, intriguing, and certainly worthwhile activity. In all phases of camp life the theme "Heroes for Christ," "The Growing Christian," or "Teenagers Face Christian Living" was uppermost. This brought new challenges, evidenced as campers memorized 10, 12, or 20 verses; and upon receiving the prize, remarked, "We don't just have a prize, we have the verses, too." Seeing 45 sturdy, mischievous boys sitting thoughtfully around a crackling fire reviewing camp experiences and testifying to new spiritual growth, one could see eternal gains.

One could see, too, the often unconscious influence of top-notch counselors, as they romped and worked with the fellows. Morning greetings might bring thrilling news: one, or maybe two campers received Christ as their Savior during last night's cabin devotions.

This is Kenbrook—a summer vacation for youth, with a purpose.

Roy and Lois Jean Peterman

ing's farm. There were 61 people present. Rev. Eric Hanson from Broch gave us an evening message.

Rev. Earl Sider spoke at a service on behalf of the Board for Schools and Colleges.

July 10. Rev. Lichty left for two weeks evangelistic meetings at Sandusky, Mich. The pulpit was supplied while he was gone by Rev. John Garman and Rev. Naaman Climenhaga.

M. J.

Antrim Church, Penna.

June 14, Bro. Carl Ulery was with us and brought the morning message.

On the evening of June 21, we had a campfire service on the lawn. Rosebuds were given to each father present.

June 28 was Children's Day with Rev. Luke Showalter as guest speaker. A program was given by the children of the Sunday School. Naomi Wingert gave an interesting talk.

Our Bible School was held from July 6 through 19. We were pleased to have an enrollment of 261 with an average attendance of 215. Our project this year was a washing machine for John and Ruth Pawelski in Cuba. The total offering for this project was \$215.00. We were privileged to have Bro. and Sr. Ohmer Herr to speak to us about Cuba. They had just returned from Africa. Bro. and Sr. Ira Stern were with us one evening illustrating Africa. The last Thursday evening was decision night. Approximately 26 went forward to accept Christ into their hearts, after an object lesson from the shoe by our pastor, Rev. John Byers.

L. A. W.

Heise Hill, Ontario

Monday evening, June 1, the Oak Ridges and Heise Hill Sewing Circles sponsored a farewell banquet for Mrs. Allan Heise at the Parkside Christian Youth Center, Stouffville.

Sunday morning, June 14, Mrs. Percy Bannett from Victoria Square spoke to our Sunday School representing the Markham Township Sunday School Association. She gave an illustrated talk to the boys and girls. As this was Children's Day, the boys and girls from the basement classes sang a special number "We'll Be Loyal to Our King" under the leadership of Rhoda Henderson.

An open-air meeting was held on Saturday evening, July 4, when Peter and Mary Willms and family held a special service for the young people and also showed their slides. Brother Willms brought the morning message the following Sunday morning.

Bishop Swalm was present for a special service on Sunday afternoon, July 12, when Mr. and Mrs. Allan Heise were ordained to the ministry. Invocation was taken by Rev. A. Winger and Rev. Roy Sider offered the closing prayer. Bishop Swalm also brought us the morning message.

Bro. Percy Cassel of Indiana was present at our prayer meeting on July 8, and brought the message.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was held from July 20-30. Attendance varied between 99 and 129.

Bro. and Sr. Howard Wolgemuth and Judy, on furlough from Cuba, were present on Tuesday evening, July 21. Their slides were shown following a short meeting in the auditorium.

On Sunday evening, July 26, Rev. Willis Hunking of the United Missionary Church brought us the evening message. Rev. Hunking and his family will shortly be returning to their work in Nigeria, Africa.

Cedar Springs, Mill Hall, Pa.

For months before our Bible School began we were praying that God would bless our school. We want to give Him praise for answering our prayers. We conducted the school in June using as our theme "Following Jesus." A number of children publicly acknowledged their acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

In June there were four children and one man baptized with three church accessions.

July 25 and 26 was our annual Youth Conference at the Lamar Camp Grounds. Our speakers, Mr. Jacob Kuhns and D Ray Heisey came to us from Grantham, Pa.

Our theme for the conference was "Highway to Heaven." The "way" was so clearly defined that we trust that all those who attended the conference and the fine young people who sought God at the altar Sunday night will surely arrive there some day.

One of the highlights of the conference was the singing. David Meyers formerly of Elizabethtown, led our singing and shared with us some of his experiences while working with juvenile delinquent boys this summer.

We had a group of missionaries from Africa with us for part of the conference. They sang for us. The group consisted of Ira and Miriam Stern, George and Ethel Bundy and Mary Heisey.

The boys of our Boys Club with some of their Dads had their annual camping trip, July 31-Aug. 1 at the Rocky Point Camp. There were 45 present for the camp which was directed by Earl Robb, the leader of our Boys' Club.

We are planning our tent meeting for Aug. 9-23, the Lord willing, with the Rev. Henry N. Miller from Kansas as our evangelist.

V. L.

Maytown, Pa.

June. We had visiting ministers with us; Bro. George Sheffer, Bishop Henry Ginder and "our missionaries" Bro. and Sr. Howard Wolgemuth and Judy.

July. A busy 2 weeks of V. B. S. July 13 to 24. We planted, now God will give the increase. Part of offerings, which we feel were generous, will go to Japan for the school and radio broadcast.

July 26. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Book and family worshiped with us. Rev. Book brought us our morning message.

BIRTHS

WALKER — Elder and Mrs. Marion R. Walker, Three Springs, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, Rhoda Sue, born April 11, 1959; a sister for Enlow, Mark, and Thomas.

MACONEGHY — The cradle roll dept. of Maytown Brethren in Christ Church welcomes Wm. A. Maconeghy, son of James and Jane Maconeghy, born July 13. Jane is the daughter of Bro. and Sr. William Espenshade.

HOUSSER — Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Houser of Kindersley, Sask., welcome a son Paul Bruce on July 24, 1959, a brother for Dale and Donna.

CLIMENHAGA — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Climenhaga of Kindersley, Sask., welcomed a son July 29, 1959. Timothy is a brother for Gail and Dennis.

ULERY — Kreg Douglas was born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ulery (nee Lucille Stern) of Springfield, Ohio, on June 19, 1959. This winter Kreg will be living at Messiah College while his father attends school there.

STICKLEY — Ruth and Gordon Stickley are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter, Karen Ruth, on June 30, 1959. Another member for the Heise Hill Cradle Roll and a sister for Wayne.

MARRIAGES

PECK-BYERS — Miss Fern Lucille Byers, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Byers of Chambersburg, Pa. became the bride of Richard Lee Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Peck, Waynesboro, Pa., on July 25, 1959 in the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. The wedding ceremony was performed by the bride's father. The couple will reside in Norristown, where Richard is engaged in I-W service.

STRITE-WALKER — Sunday afternoon, June 7, 1959, Miss Mary Emma Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker, Three Springs, Pa., and Mr. Mahlon Burkholder Strite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Strite, Chambersburg, Pa., were united in marriage at the Center Grove Chapel near Three Springs. The Rev. Marlin K. Kessler performed the ceremony. The Strites are residing at Chambersburg, Pa., R. 3.

ROSENBERGER-THUMA — Saturday afternoon, June 6, 1959 the Maytown Brethren in Christ Church was the scene of a lovely wedding when Janet E. Thuma became the bride of Lyle Rosenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rosenberger of Souderton, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, and also pastor of the church, Rev. B. E. Thuma. The couple is living at 26½ Washington St., Elizabethtown, Pa.

SIDER-MEEDS — Beautiful for its simplicity and its unique sacred and holy atmosphere, was the wedding ceremony which joined, as husband and wife, Robert Dick Sider of Niagara Christian College, and Lura Mae Meeds, of Prince Albert, Sask. on June 20, 1959, in the Free Methodist Church of Prince Albert, Sask.

The father of the groom, Rev. Earl M. Sider, officiated at the ceremony.

They are now currently serving under M. C. C. in Winnipeg, Man., in a summer Unit. Mrs. Sider as a registered nurse in a polio clinic.

They will be at home after September 7, where Robert will again resume his work on the teaching staff of N. C. C.

WINGER-HOWELL — The Sherkston Brethren in Christ Church was the scene on Saturday June 27 for the wedding of Beverly Janice Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell, 14 Myrtle Ave., Welland, and Ralph Duane Winger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Winger, Ridgeway, Ontario.

The church was decorated with baskets of yellow and white mums, and the guest pews were marked with white satin bows. Rev. Roy V. Sider officiated. The solist was Mrs. Roy Sider and the organist Carol Rubel.

Mr. and Mrs. Winger have taken up residence at 43 James Street, Long Branch.

LANDSE-SIDER — Miss Joanne Sider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Sider, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada, and Mr. Edgar E. Landse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Landse of Detroit, Kansas, exchanged marriage vows on the evening of December 27 in a beautiful candle-light setting in the new Brethren in Christ Church, Sherkston. The ceremony was spoken in the presence of many relatives and friends by the bride's uncle, Rev. Roy V. Sider, the pastor. This happy couple reside at 79 Engineer Drive, Benning Hills, Ga., while Mr. Landse is serving his time in the U.S. Army. They expect to make Abilene, Kansas, their home upon return.

OBITUARIES

STICKLEY — Shirley Lynette passed away at the Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa. June 27, 1959. Shirley was the daughter of Brother and Sister Harvey Stickley of Maple, Ontario.

A service was held at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg on Monday, June 29 with Rev. H. H. Brubaker in charge.

Service and burial was from the Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Gormley, Ontario, Wednesday, July 1, with the pastor, Rev. William VanderBent bringing the message from II Kings 4:26.

GEPPER — Mrs. Elizabeth Gepper, age 76, widow of the late John Gepper passed away unexpectedly early Wednesday morning, June 15, 1959. She was born April 8, 1883, in Fishing Creek Valley, Penna., and most of her adult life was a resident of Bachmanville, Penna.

Sr. Gepper was a member of the Shenks Brethren in Christ Church for many years. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her diligent toil and helpfulness.

She is survived by two daughters: Kathryn, wife of X. C. Funkhouser, Hershey; Dorothy, wife of Charles Buller, Mt. Joy. Three sons: George W., Campbeltown, John H., Hershey, and Jay R. of Hershey. Fourteen grandchildren and three sisters, and seven McCorkel brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 17, at the Shenks Church. Rev. John Martin, Rev. Jay Booser, and Rev. John Arthur Brubaker officiated. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

WOLGEMUTH — Mrs. Alice Sheetz Wolgemuth, Manheim, Pa., born July 27, 1880, in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, peacefully passed on to her eternal reward at her home on June 27, 1959, at the age of 78 years and 11 months. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Amos M. and Fannie Shelly Sheetz. On October 19, 1899, she was united in marriage to the late Daniel E. Wolgemuth.

She is survived by a daughter, Fannie, wife of David Z. Heisey, Manheim, Pa., and one foster-daughter, Pauline M. Behney, Harrisburg, Pa. Surviving also are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She found Christ as her Saviour at the age of thirteen, and united with the Brethren in Christ Church in Rapho District. Although her health did not permit her to attend services for the past number of years, she remained loyal to her church and enjoyed sweet fellowship with her Christ to the end. She was bedecked with the fruits of righteousness and will be missed in her home by her family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Brethren in Christ Church on Tuesday, June 30, 1959, conducted by the pastor, Graybill Wolgemuth, assisted by Rev. Earl Martin, Jr. and Rev. C. H. Moyer. Text: Rev. 14:13. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

NEWS ITEMS

'Bishop of the Bowery' Dead at 59

New York (EP) — The Rev. George Bolton, 59, pastor and director of Christian Herald's Bowery Mission for 17 years, died of a heart attack on July 29. Himself a dramatic product of the old Jerry McAuley Cremorne Mission in 1927, he served his spiritual apprenticeship there and in City Mission, Schenectady, New York, returning to Cremorne as superintendent. In 1942, Dr. Daniel A. Poling invited him to take over the leadership of Bowery Mission, operated by Christian Herald since 1895.

College Moves To New Location

"It reminds me of the Children of Israel leaving Egypt," Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, president of the 50-year-old Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., stated as he surveyed the school's current move to its new campus in La Mirada.

"The Israelites, according to the Bible, had 400 years to collect and assemble belongings. We have had only 50 years in downtown Los Angeles, yet it seems there is a multitude of materials that must be moved. After the rush and noise of the downtown area we feel like, in an earthly sense at least, that La Mirada is the 'promised land.'"

Lutheran Radioman Urges 'Active' Christian Faith

Buffalo, N. Y. (EP) — Formal, social or fashionable church membership is inadequate in the present world situation, said Dr. Oswald Hoffmann of New York, public relations director of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, at the 42nd annual meeting of the Synod's Lutheran Laymen's League in Buffalo. What is needed, he said, is an active Christian faith, warm Christian love and vital Christian witness. Dr.

Hoffmann is speaker on the Lutheran Hour radio program sponsored by the laymen.

"The Church is not a clergy club or ecclesiastical organization, but the Body of Christ," he asserted. "It consists of all who confess Him to be the Saviour of the world and their own personal Saviour. Laymen are members of Christ's Body in exactly the same way as the clergy of the Church—by faith in Christ."

Knots

A gangling lad came to our center with a pocket full of knots. The knots were spaced lumps on a string, and in each knot was tied a piece of paper on which had been written the name of one of the members of his family. There were nine knots. In a way, that string of knots was a fitting symbol of the knotted-up mess which life had dealt out to this refugee family. Actually, the knots had been so placed on the string as to mark off the foot-length of each of the family. MCC had opened some bags of shoes, and had invited the

father to come to get some shoes for the family. But the father, as well as four of the children, was sick, and so he sent the oldest boy. With this string of knots, fitting the family was no problem. All that was necessary was to match the shoe lengths to the distances between the knots on the string. In no time at all the lad was on his way home with a bag of shoes, and the knotty problem of providing shoes for a family of nine with a combined income of not over \$30 a month was solved.

A Puddle of Tears

Back in the New Territories 20 miles from Kowloon, where an all-refugee town of 20,000 has sprung up in the near-inaccessible fastnesses of Swiss-like bay and boulders, lives an eight-year-old whose head must verily be, like Jeremiah's, a "fountain of waters." A shoe distribution in this out-of-the-way place was a red-letter-day event for this Chinese refugee boy who had never owned a pair of shoes in his short but stormy life. At the dis-

tribution he actually received a pair of brown shoes. Unfortunately the boy chose his shoes for looks and not for size, and when he arrived home that noon with his treasure, by no stretch of imagination or shoe leather could he get his feet into the shoes. His mother said that since he could not wear the shoes he must return them, and since it is a centuries-old custom that Chinese children obey their parents, the boy dutifully but most reluctantly obeyed, and shortly after noon made his appearance at the distribution center. For a moment he stood there hugging his treasure. Then mustering up his courage to the sticking point he stretched out his arms at full length and said, "Here, take them; they don't fit!" and burst into tears. The boy was unconsolable; was he not missing the chance of a lifetime! Big tears came fast and splashed down on the bare-earth floor. Indeed, by the time the lad could be made to understand that there would be an exception to the rule in his case and that he could exchange the shoes for a pair that fits, a really big puddle of tears lay at his feet. The storm passed and the sun shone again for the lad when, on another day, he went back home with another pair of shoes—this time on his feet.

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South African Churchman Tries Ouster Move

Capetown, South Africa (EP) — South Africa's Anglican Archbishop, Dr. Josst de Blank, has struck another blow against apartheid (segregation of the races). He offered to leave the country if Dr. H. F. Verwoerd will withdraw as Prime Minister and return to his native Holland.

The Anglican leader's proposal was made public in an article published in the official Anglican journal *Good Hope*, after Verwoerd had criticized him for his anti-segregation stand and told Dr. de Blank that he "does not belong to South Africa."

The Dutch-born Anglican churchman said, "it breaks my heart to make this offer, but I am willing because I know, if it is accepted, it will hasten the country's return to decency and sanity." He added: "The Christian future of Africa as a whole is of far greater importance than the political or economic future of any country within it, even South Africa. We may be sure of this: if the Christian faith is extinguished in Africa, South Africa will have no future at all and if there is one thing laughable throughout Africa it is the concept that South Africa is nobly bearing the banner of Christian civilization in the South."

ACCC Leader Scores Krushchev Visit

Los Angeles (EP)—Despite Vice President Nixon's plea that the American public extend a proper welcome to Russia's Premier Krushchev when he visits the United States, the American Council of Christian Churches will hold "protest rallies across the nation."

Tozer Resigns Pastorate

Chicago (EP)—Dr. A. W. Tozer, for 30 years pastor of the Southside Christian and Missionary Alliance Church here, has resigned from the pastorate to devote more time to his work as editor of *The Alliance Witness* and to Bible conference ministry.

Though his resignation has been reluctantly accepted by the board of his church, no terminal date has been set for his departure, pending the call of candidates for the pastorate during August and September.

Capital Punishment—Moral or Immoral

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed . . ." (Gen. 9:6)

Governments for generations have followed this early commandment of the Bible, not so much because they wished to obey a Scriptural injunction but simply because capital punishment was said to be a deterrent to crime.

Nowadays, churchmen are debating the issue and taking sides. Most of them are voicing strong opposition to the death penalty, while politicians are divided and law-enforcement officers generally favor retaining it.

Presbyterian delegates to the General Assembly meeting in Indianapolis recently enlisted in the discussion. They voted overwhelmingly against capital punishment, saying it "cannot be condoned" by the Christian conscience.

Other denominational leaders have gone on record opposing the death sentence for murderers. They include the Protestant Episcopal Church, the American Baptist Convention, the Society of Friends (Quakers), the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Protestant Council of the City of New York, the Massachusetts Council of Churches and the Greater Chicago Federation of Churches. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations representing the main voice of Reform Judaism, has asked members to study and debate the question so it can go on record at the general assembly next November.

No official word from the U.S. Catholic hierarchy has been expressed, but Catholic teaching stresses the right of the state to protect itself against serious crimes. Many Catholics argue that it is not necessary to put criminals to death to protect society.

Whether killing criminals actually deters others is the focal point of the debate. Figures are available, say the statisticians, to defend both viewpoints.

Historically, Catholics and Protestants have not condemned rulers and kings who have executed criminals, but accepted it as a fulfillment of their Christian duty. The new concept, however, opens up new legal, social and moral problems not easily solved.

Some see it as Lord Halifax long ago observed: "Men are not hanged for stealing horses, but that horses may not be stolen."

Executive Committee to Consider Calcutta, Hong Kong

MCC's role in helping Far Eastern refugees in Calcutta and Hong Kong will be high on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting in Akron August 29. Executive Secretary William T. Snyder, just back from his 81-day visit to MCC overseas projects, will report observations of the needs of these two refugee concentrations as well as present other program recommendations growing out of his trip. Also scheduled during the August 29 meeting is discussion with representatives of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference concerning total MCC outreach and witness.

Trainees meet at Akron Before Sailing

Thirty-four trainees from eight foreign countries left for their homeland July 28. As guests of the Mennonite Central Committee the ninth group of trainees completed a year in America. They lived in Mennonite homes and divided their year's stay into two six-month periods so that

they could work and live in at least two different states.

Their purpose of being here was one of "friendship and understanding between neighbors; to get acquainted with the United States—its people, its way of life and its family and community living." While in their new environment the trainees became temporary members of American families in the home of their sponsors, as well as becoming an integrated part of the social orbit of the community and church in which they lived.

Beginning Personnel

EUROPE—Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Hiebert and son Tim (Enid, Okla.) and Elsie Bechtel (Canton, Ohio) are designated to arrive in Europe August 15. They left the U. S. August 6 aboard the Maasdam.

Rev. Hiebert's duties as Pax pastor include visitations to European Pax units, counseling with individual Paxmen and making books, a library service, available to the men. He will also have opportunities to meet with European Mennonites. Miss Bechtel will serve as a matron at one of the Pax units.

Greece—Pax Leader Describes Progress

After several weeks in Greece, Pax leader Larry Eisenbeis (Marion, S. D.) sends optimistic reports of the nation's development since 1955. Eisenbeis performed his Pax service in Tsakones, Greece 1953-55.

"In Tsakones there are many changes since four years ago. A rash of building has occurred including homes, barns and storage facilities for crops. Another evidence of prosperity is the many bicycles one sees about the village. Four years ago the bicycles in the village could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Virtually all the families have rabbits, whereas four years ago only two or three families kept them. Except for a few families who are at the bottom of the totem pole the day when entire families have to work for hire to pay for the barest essentials is past.

"What I have seen of Greece seems to have progressed greatly. If the number of new gas stations is any indication of the increase in tractors, trucks and cars, it is not an overstatement to say that their number has tripled. In Saloniki and Edessa modernization of stores and storefronts, plus many new buildings, as well as an increase in variety of merchandise, goods and services is the trend."

Hong Kong Students Abroad Become Objects of Red Enticers

Hong Kong students studying in London have been found to be the objects of a wide-spread, highly-organized and well-financed effort to woo them to Communism, according to information just released by a well-known Hong Kong publisher just returned from England. A Chinese communist network in London, utilizing students trained in Red China, is said to be enticing the Hong Kong youth by offering huge monthly allowances, free holidays, and hotel accommodations with the best of

Chinese food served in appropriate surroundings, "with no other strings attached but to gulp down generous servings of Marxist propaganda . . . who could resist?"

The situation's irony lies in the fact that many of these students have been sent to England with the deliberate intention of safeguarding them from communist contamination. The parents of many of these young persons fled the Chinese mainland in their zeal to bring up their children in an atmosphere of freedom. Now, in London, these very children are being courted by the communism their parents fled, and British authorities are powerless to intervene so long as no laws are being broken.

Evangelistic Efforts Continue To Mark Centennial in Japan

Fukuoka City, on Kyushu Island, is another large population center to announce plans for a special evangelistic effort during this year's observance of the 100th anniversary of Protestantism in Japan. In a step of faith without precedent in this area, the pastors of the city have booked the gigantic downtown Sports Center, with a seating capacity of 7,000 for a period of eighteen days from September 17 to October 4. No religious services of such proportions have ever been attempted on the island of Kyushu.

Dr. David Morken, an associate evangelist of Dr. Billy Graham, has been invited by the ministers of Fukuoka to be the evangelist for the Crusade.

Famed Woman Missionary On Speaking Tour of America

Miss Gladys Aylward, acclaimed internationally for long years of heroic missionary service is making a significant impact during her first American speaking tour of outstanding churches and civic clubs.

Overflow crowds heard her speak during July in Washington and Oregon. In August and September she will speak at Protestant churches throughout the New York area, before journeying to Chicago on October 4 for an address at the Moody Church. She then will return to the East Coast for more engagements in several states.

Eisenhower Proclaims October 7 National Day of Prayer

Calling on Americans to "give thanks for the bounty of Providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land," President Eisenhower has proclaimed October 7 as a National Day of Prayer.

This is the eighth annual prayer day proclamation by the president since it was authorized by congressional resolution in 1952. Last year's observance, it is generally felt, was more widespread than in previous years, when the proclamation was usually greeted with enthusiastic comment but the event itself often marked with disinterest. President Eisenhower was reportedly discouraged by the lack of interest the first few years and considered passing up last year's proclamation, but then was encouraged by the interest and participation last year.